तो ये पोस्ट-ऑफिसेस लोस-मैकिंग होते रहेंगे और जो आपका बिजनेस है, वह ज्यादा से ज्यादा प्राइवेट सेक्टर में चला जाएगा। इसमें सबसे बड़ी दिक्कत यह है कि ये पोस्ट-ऑफिसेस तेजी के साथ बंद होते जा रहे हैं। इस बारे में मंत्री जी से मैं जानना चाहूंगा।

شری شاہد صدیقی : سبھاپتی جی، منتری جی سے میں ایک بات یہ کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ یہ جو ڈاک کا پورا سسٹم ہے، اس سے ڈاک خانے آہستہ آہستہ بند ہوتے جا رہے ہیں، ورک لوڈ کم ہوتے جا رہے ہیں۔ سوال آپ گریڈ کرنے کا نہیں ہے، ری انوینٹ کرنے کا ہے۔ آپ کو ڈاک خانے کو ری انوینٹ کرنا پڑیگا، اس میں سائبر کیفے بنانے پڑینگے، اس کو نئے طریقے سے پیپل فرینڈلی وہاں پر کرنا ہوگا۔ کیا آپ اس بارے میں کوئی ڈیزن لے رہے ہیں؟ اگر اسی طرح سے چلتا رہے گا تو ایک طرف تو یہ پوسٹ آفیسز لوس میکنگ ہوتے رہیں گے اور جو آپ کا بزنس ہے، وہ زیادہ سے زیادہ پرائیویٹ سیکٹر میں چلا جائے گا۔ اس میں سب سے بڑی دقت یہ ہے کہ یہ پوسٹ آفیسز تیزی کے ساتھ بند ہوتے جا رہے ہیں۔ اس بارے میں منتری جی سے میں جاننا چاہونگا۔

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: Sir, with regard to the first question, there are certain norms which we are following. But, a Committee has been constituted recently to study to change the norms. We are waiting for the report. Thank you for the advice, Sir. We will try to make it because we are also in the process of changing the look of the post offices and make them more profitable and accessible to the poor people.

Committee on infrastructure

*136. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:††

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed an eleven Member Committee on infrastructure;

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri T. Subbarami Reddy.

(b) if so, whether the main funds of the panel would concentrate on improving railways, road, energy availability and modernization of Delhi and Mumbai airports to world class standards within a set time frame;

(c) if so, to what extent the panel would ensure the long term financial viability of service providers both in public and private sectors; and

(d) to what extent this formation has helped to improve the infrastructure network and rural telecommunication in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) Government have constituted an eleven Member Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister with the objectives of initiating policies to ensure creation of world class infrastructure facilities; developing structures that maximize the role of Public-Private Partnerships; and monitoring of key infrastructure projects. The Committee will deal with railways, roads, ports, airports telecommunications, petroleum and power sectors. To begin with, sector-wise policy initiatives and action plans are being prepared by the Planning Commission in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, ...(*Interruptions*) the construction of north-eastern Uttar Pradesh and Delhi road is pending for four months. So, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister's Office to take action to approve Rs. 10,000 crore project for the construction of the above mentioned road.

SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Sir, the first meeting of the Committee, which has been set up under the hon. Prime Minister, is going to be held on the 10th of this month. And, particularly, I would like to share with the hon. House, through you, Sir, that the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, who is also a Member and the Convener of this Committee, is having a series of meetings with the concerned Ministries and Departments Regarding various issues arising out of the terms of reference of this Committee, the action plan or seeking the decisions and the

recommendations of the Committee, these are under preparation in the Planning Commission. Therefore, Sir, all these matters are going to be considered when the Committee meets and takes a final decision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Funds Under national child labour Project for Maharashtra

*121. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have been submitting project-proposals for Child Labour Education and Rehabilitation, under the National Child Labour Project;

(b) if so, the number of child labour to be covered and the amount of Central aid sought for the same during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the current year, and the aid granted against each request;

(c) whether there were undue delays in clearance of the proposals and giving grants-in-aid; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K.CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The State Government of Maharashtra has been submitting proposals for child labour education and rehabilitation under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP). Proposals for 15 districts for opening of NCPLs from the State have been received between 2000 and 2004.

The NCLPs are selected by the Ministry of Labour on the basis of the endemicity of child labour as per the census data. 100 districts were selected under the 9th Plan. The Project has subsequently been expanded in the 10th Plan to a total of 250 districts in the country, based on the census figures of 2001.

Maharashtra had 2 districts, namely, Solapur and Thane, under the NCLP Scheme in the 9th Plan. 11 more districts namely, Nanded, Nasik, Yavatmali, Dhule, Beed, Pune, Ahmadnagar, Sangli, Kolhapur, Jalgaon